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Subject: 2008 Integrated Report – Sections 303(d)/305(b)

Dear Mr. Davis,

As the public solicitation period for data and information for the 2008 integrated report referenced above draws near, I would like to alert you to a science literature review currently underway that will provide you with critical information for purposes of your assessment and ask you to hold a place for the final report upon its completion later this year.

The State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) has statutory responsibility for a set of Forest Practice Rules for the protection of listed anadromous salmonids (anadromy), termed *Protection and Restoration in Watersheds with Threatened or Impaired Values* or T/I Rules (14 CCR 916.9, 936.9, 956.9). The Board has taken on the task of contracting for an independent scientific literature review (Project) of the T/I Rules to ensure their regulatory effectiveness. The goal of the Project is to identify information that contributes to the Board's decision-making process for rules for the protection and restoration of anadromy, domestic water uses and related issues addressed in the rules.

The information to achieve this goal will be generated from a methodical scientific review of recent information related to forest management effects on anadromy. The literature being reviewed includes studies relevant to all life stages of anadromy or domestic water uses and will focus on key ecological features of functional riparian habitats including nutrients, microclimates, sediments, peak flows or large flood frequency and life cycle needs of anadromy, to name a few. The review includes a wide breadth of literature including peer reviewed, non-peer reviewed (grey literature including monitoring results, pilot projects, resources assessments, and conference proceeding etc.), and masters and doctoral research.

While I understand the necessity to cut off the submission of information and data from the public in order to stay on schedule to complete your 2008 Integrated Report, I urge you to allow a late submission of this important work as it could be critical to your decision making process for the many water bodies in the North Coast Region listed as either temperature or sediment impaired.

If you have questions about the Project, I would be happy to meet with you to discuss in more detail.

Sincerely,

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VP Legal and Environmental Affairs